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Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a additional two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002. A Request for Continued Examination responsive to the Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith. The extension fee in the amount of \$410 is included in the total fee for filing the Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified application, a check for which accompanies this submission. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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